

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, KITCHENER

# ON EAGLES' WINGS

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## Introducing Ken Cardwell, Honorary Assistant Priest

Born in Niagara Falls, in my early childhood years I was a member at Christ Church, Niagara Falls. In my teen years I lived in Glasgow, Scotland and London, England where my dad was posted with the Canadian Immigration Department and then in Vancouver and Hamilton. I did a year at Hamilton Teachers' College, followed by an Honours BA in geography at McMaster.

I sensed a vocation to ministry so moved back to Vancouver for a year's study in theology at the Anglican Theological College, completing my degree at Huron College. During that time I met Sarah who was an organ major music student at Western. I was ordained in 1968 in Niagara Diocese, married Sarah, and served a curacy at The Church of the Ascension in Hamilton.

We then moved to Erin and Rockwood

for my first stint as Rector. This was followed by several years as an Assistant at the Cathedral in Kenora, Diocese of Keewatin. I then served in Mount Forest and Harriston, Niagara Diocese; Kapuskasing, Diocese of Moosonee; with a final 18 years as Rector at St Paul's, Fort Erie. I was also the Regional Archdeacon for Brock. For ten years after retirement I served in a number of Interim Ministry positions for parishes in transition. We moved to Kitchener last October.

During those 38 years of ministry we were blessed with a daughter and two sons, who now as adults live in Kitchener, Seattle, and Halifax.

I consider my many varied years of ministry and being able to serve God in many different places and settings with my family a rich and wonderful journey,



for which I give thanks! And now here at St. John the Evangelist we are enjoying the warmth, the worship and fellowship that is part of what your parish is about.

Thank you very much!

Ken Cardwell.

## When a Curse Becomes a Blessing

Have you ever had a time in your life when you asked, "Why me?" Do you sometimes question whether your prayers are heard and wonder why the answer seems so far away? Have you ever felt as though a curse has been cast upon you and you just want it to go away? Growing up in my childhood home I lived with a parent who suffered from mental illness and this experience led me to feel this way each and every day. Why can't my mother be like every other mother on the street? Why does my mother have to be bipolar and wreak havoc on my life? It was this experience that

caused me to retreat to some quiet corner of a church and learn to pray.

It was the first suicide attempt that brought me to my knees to plead with God to bring her back to us. I was only ten years old and I can say that my prayer was answered. But answers to prayers are funny things. They never seem to come out the way we expect. It was quite some time before my mother was stable enough to return home, and when she did, she was not the mother I remembered as a child. She experienced several episodes over many

years that led to hospitalization, medications with a host of side effects and years of therapy to learn to live with a condition that was to never go away. Each time she returned from another round of therapies to help her stabilize and cope she came back stronger and stronger. With that new found strength came a change in her behavior that made it easier for her to face the world but more and more difficult for the world to face her. There were many times I felt embarrassed and ashamed and wanted to run and hide. I retreated once again to a quiet

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et corner of the church and prayed. I was seventeen and looking for a way out of this madness.

My first response was to turn to my father and ask for advice. He didn't seem to be bothered by any of this and simply loved her as she was. Well that sure brought meaning to the phrase, "Love is blind". He gave me words of wisdom that I have learned to live by. The first being, "See what she is and not what she isn't" and "Listen to the message and not the delivery." He was always able to see past the drama and figure out what it was she was really trying to communicate and help her meet her needs.

I think I was forty before I was able to accomplish these two tasks and let go of the embarrassment and shame I was holding for a lifetime. I had spent thirty years praying for change only to realize

that it was I that had to change and see the situation with a new vision. As I embraced the journey of motherhood, I came to understand better the strength and courage my mother had to endure life with such an infliction. Despite the cards she was dealt she still managed to raise five children and sustain a marriage of fifty plus years. She lived a full productive life of 71 years and the best part was that she passed away at peace with herself.

It may have taken thirty some years for me to see that my prayers were answered but I still retreat to some quiet corner of a church and give thanks for a curse that I now know to be a blessing.

Rest in Peace

Therese Emma Paradis 1933-2004

Submitted by Laura Doric

## ACW Outreach

As you all know we no longer have the Clothes Closet at St.John's. The ladies of the Closet supported the Bales programme by keeping items for us to add to the Bale. As this is no longer happening we would like you to look out for items of clothing that are in good condition and that you no longer want. We have been given a storage area at St. John's and will be happy to store these items as they become available. We are looking for CLEAN clothing , we ask that you launder items before you bring them in to us, as they will be lying in a cupboard until January. Please label anything that you donate, BALES. Bags can be dropped off at the office, however

you can also bring them on Sundays and give them to a member of the ACW Outreach team. Thank you,

Nancy Chittick, Sandra Roy, Enid Emery.



The ACW is still collecting postage stamps for the Leprosy Mission, eye glasses for the Lion's club for re-use in the Third World, and Campbell's Soup Labels for the School for the Deaf in Whitby. These items can be placed in the collection boxes on the shelf in the downstairs cloakroom , next to the choir robing room.

## Who's Here When We're Not Here?

At the most recent parish council meeting we heard that members of the parish should know about the use of our building by outside groups or individuals. Here's a list prepared by our church secretary, Angela Chase, with the assistance of Linda Smith and Frank Millerd.

### Monday nights

- ◆ Kitchener Waterloo Society Band practice
- ◆ Harry Potter and the Season of Lent

### Tuesdays

- ◆ Vocal Lessons
- ◆ Renaissance Singers rehearsals and meetings
- ◆ Sine Nomine rehearsals
- ◆ Occasionally dance group lessons
- ◆ Adult Study Group
- ◆ Prayer Group

### Wednesdays

- ◆ Centering Prayer Group
- ◆ Various Meetings – Parish Council, Parish Visitors

### Thursdays

- ◆ Julian Gathering (prayer group)
- ◆ Choir
- ◆ Various Meetings – Health Council, Altar Guild

As well, there are organ students who have lessons, and groups who have concerts (Da Capo Chamber Choir, Grand Philharmonic Choir, Wayne Gilpin Singers, University of Waterloo Chamber Choir , Spiritus) or annual general meetings (Ontario Network of Needleworkers)

## Upcoming ACW Events

**Monday, April 14** - ACW Corporate Communion at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, April 26** - ACW Annual meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to attend but need a ride, please contact Eleanor Brown at 578-9519 or Gillian Westwood at 579-6288.

**Saturday, May 3** - St. John's ACW is hosting the Spring Deanery Event. Regis-

tration starts at 10:00 a.m. Service at 10:30 followed by our speaker, Jacqui Hibbert from Dr. Graham's Homes. Lunch will be provided by our Catering Team and is \$5 per person.

**Possible Fall Retreat** - The ACW is planning a Fall Retreat at the convent of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in Toronto. The Guest House can provide accommodation for up to 35 people and the date is tentatively set for Oct

3/4, 2014. The cost is \$100 per person (includes accommodation, parking and 3 meals). At this point we are looking to confirm how many people are interested in participating. Please contact Eleanor Brown at 578-9519 to add your name to the list, or email [eleonor.brown@sunlife.com](mailto:eleonor.brown@sunlife.com).

Thank you,  
Eleanor Brown

## A Message From Our Rector

As a Parish Family we are about to enter the observance of Holy Week 2014.

That simple stark sentence is layered with all kinds of levels of meaning.

Our Parish Study groups will make the sharing of the Eucharist a part of their time together on Monday and then Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, prior to gathering to reflect on a number of important matters, the Parish Council will share in the evening Eucharist. On Thursday the Altar Guild and the Parish Choir will be providing important leadership at the Eucharist. Many who attend that service will have shared in the Seder Meal, and begun their journey through the Sacred Three Days, hearing the story of the Passover and spending time in table fellowship over a meal. As the congregation gathers on Good Friday morning, we will be mindful of how that day's liturgy is so central to our personal and shared faith experience. The Easter Vigil being offered here at St. John's once more, is reflective of the desire, expressed by some members of our Parish Family, to tell our story of faith within the context of our own congregational setting.

During the course of the week, I will be working with members of our Parish Family, whose volunteer presence in several retirement and nursing homes will assist residents to observe Holy Week and to hear the Easter message. If you wish to have a visit and receive Communion at home, please contact the parish office and we will make those arrangements. Easter cards prepared by our Sunday School and signed at the church on Palm Sunday, will be offered to those who are not able to get to church as yet another ongoing link with our Parish Family.

Then we gather to celebrate the joys of Easter morning!

Throughout all of this, behind the scenes, our Director of Music, Marlin Nagtegaal, and all those involved with the music offered in our liturgies will have practiced and prepared.

The dedicated Altar Guild volunteers will be giving countless hours to ensure that everything that is needed for our services will be ready. Make sure that as you arrive for worship to note how the eagle will be sparkling after it has been polished with loving care. It is amazing what Q - tips, toothbrushes

and elbow grease can accomplish!

Our Parish Secretary, Angela Chase has been diligently preparing all the bulletins necessary for the services and Lorraine Atkinson has been gifting us with her commitment of making sure all the bulletins are folded and made ready.

During our observance of Lent 2014 a number of the members of our Parish Family made note of experiences which were blessings in their lives. Those blessings have been woven into a chain and are offered as a visible expression of the Spirit of God moving in our midst in the lives of members of our community of faith.

In the moments of worship and fellowship which are before us, let us with open hearts, minds and souls sense the movement of the Spirit of God infusing our lives with joy and confidence as we live each day as committed disciples of our Risen Lord.

I look forward to sharing the blessing of Holy Week and the joy of our Easter celebration with you.

The Reverend Canon Christopher B. J. Pratt, Rector

## St. John's Stitchers

After a rather slow start we are now progressing steadily with the Kneeler and cushion project for the Sanctuary. The first of the large Sedilia cushions is finished and ready to be stretched and made up; we hope to have the embroidery of the first Kneeler completed by Easter. Five members of the congregation are working on this project at present, we stitch three afternoons each week.

Enid Emery

## CBC Coverage of the Bayeux Tapestry

Some of our members may have heard the interview which was done on the morning of March 18 by CBC Radio reporter, Amanda Grant with Ray Dugan.

Amanda is the granddaughter of Tom and Dorcas Plant.

With this kind of media exposure and with other expressions of interest, there will be an increase in the number of people who wish to see this wonderful work of art.

The Parish Council will be looking at some options for us as we seek to make the Tapestry accessible to the community.

In the very near future we will be looking for volunteers to offer a ministry of hospitality to individuals and groups who will have an interest in viewing the Tapestry.

You may still be able to link on the CBC website [www.cbc.ca/kw](http://www.cbc.ca/kw) which provides an excellent introduction to the Tapestry.

The Reverend Canon Christopher Pratt

## Nurses Notes

*Elsie Millerd, Parish Nurse*

### Walking for Health

This year the Health Council sponsored a four week virtual walk to increase our mindfulness of regular exercise. Twenty-five people participated and walked over 2,200 km. Isn't it amazing what we can do when we walk together, one step at a time?

The St. John's walking group (Come Walk with Us) which began in February continues to meet on Mondays at noon at the Waterloo Recreation Centre, 101 Father David Bauer Dr., Waterloo, where they use the indoor track. With a little luck they may be able to enjoy walking outdoors before long. Walking with other people can be a great motivator and gives you an opportunity to get to know each other better. Everyone is welcome to come on a regular or "off and on" basis.

If exercise at home is your preference, I have discovered a great walking program on the internet. Lesley Sansone has mounted a whole series of YouTube videos in which she invites viewers to walk with her. The walks provide a wide variety of time allotments and encourage good muscle use and toning. Lesley is a pleasant and encouraging walking partner, making a 2 km walk in 30 minutes (a good daily goal) a real pleasure. Check out this program and the other options at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBgB\\_cqDiXs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBgB_cqDiXs)

Best wishes for a happy spring of walking.

### Household Vinegar Kills TB

Recently, researchers were surprised to find that drug resistant tuberculosis

bacteria and other mycobacteria were killed after 30 minutes' exposure to 6 % acetic acid or vinegar. Vinegar has been used for thousands of years as a disinfectant. If it can kill even the most disinfectant resistant bacteria, then it could be the most economical and effective biocide for health care facilities and in our everyday life. This evidence based research should encourage us to make vinegar our disinfectant choice at St. John's Church.

*From Canadian Nurse, April, 2014 and the American Society of Microbiology (<http://mbio.asm.org/content/5/2/e00013-14.full?sid=dc84f8f4-d428-4679-a10a-71806501151a>)*

### Coming Events

#### **Home Caregiver Support Program**

Saturdays, April 26 – May 17, 12:30 – 3pm

Fairview Mennonite Home  
515 Langs Drive  
Cambridge, ON

Sessions cover physical, emotional and psychological, social and information and spiritual needs in that order. You may register for one or all sessions. No cost. Poster and registration forms on the Health News bulletin board. Ride available from Kitchener. Contact me (your parish nurse) for more information.

#### **A Bicycle Built for Two: A Playful Reflection on Marriage**

Presented by Theatre of the Beat

Written by Johnny Wideman

Directed by Rebecca Steiner

Date: Saturday May 3, 2014

Time: Breakfast Event: 8:30 am – 12 pm

Evening Performance: 7:30 pm

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Location: The Conrad Centre

36 King St. Kitchener

Cost: \$25/\$15 for students and subsidized (fund raiser for Shalom Counseling)

To reserve tickets, please call the Conrad

Centre (519)745-4711 or  
www.kwsymphony.ca

***Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering  
and Reflection***

Tuesday, May 6, 2014  
St. Teresa of Avila Church  
19 Flamingo Drive

Elmira

Registration at 12:30 pm

Program 1:00 – 3:00 pm

To register contact Mary Jane Yaeger  
(519-669-2963 or

mj.yaeger@confinequip.ca)

Free will offering to cover costs

## **Warden's Letter, Easter 2014**

It's hard to believe that as I write almost five weeks have passed since my forehead was marked with a cross on Ash Wednesday. The period of Lent is coming to an end and Easter will soon be here. Holy Week promises to be a busy time around the church, and like many St. John's parishioners we wardens anticipate participating in many of the numerous services. With so much going on it is a challenge for the three of us to fill the roster for warden duty, and we are deeply grateful for the support we will be receiving from our fellow congregants.

We hope your experience of Lent this year has been rewarding. Whether you have focussed on self-sacrifice or instead placed greater emphasis on the aspect of scriptural reading and self-examination, we are sure that you have met the challenges you set for yourself. Your present scribe, rector's warden Charles Stuart, after much hesitation decided to embark upon a partial fast for the forty days of Lent: no eating meat, no drinking alcohol, no munching on snacks, and relatively small meals. For a food lover like me, this represented no small sacrifice. I can report that the self-imposed discipline certainly had the desired penitential quality, and I look forward to the relaxation of the dietary restrictions when Lent is over.

If I may continue on a personal note

for another few lines, I am pleased to report that the confirmation classes I have been taking under our rector's tutelage have been highly rewarding. It seems entirely appropriate to the Lenten season to have taken the time to read scripture and discuss it during our confirmation class meetings. No less remarkable, and highly enjoyable, is that this endeavour has been one shared by my entire immediate family, including my wife, Christine, and our children, Mary and William, as well as my wonderful fellow warden, Dawn Carr. We are all benefiting from the process and look forward to our confirmation service on Sunday, April 27, with Bishop Dance.

Moving on to matters of broader concern to the church, it is clear that repairs to the roof on the Upper Parish Hall are much needed and long overdue. Some temporary patches have been applied that should keep the parish hall dry for the time being. Pending a final decision on a more permanent solution, we on the church council have passed this file to the design and engineering experts to advise us on how the long-term interests of the church would best be served. We feel that a brief delay is worthwhile to ensure that we are making the best possible decision taking into account all relevant factors.

As you are probably aware, the Ninth Annual Downtown Mudpuppy Chase will take place on Sunday, May 4, bringing with it the usual challenges to church access. During the races—I say races because there are two, the first at 9:00 am and the second at 10:00 am—the route taken by participants will be closed to traffic. The starting point is at City Hall, with the route following the edge of the church property on Water Street and turning onto Weber. Parishioners attending the 8:00 am service should not encounter road closures or traffic slowdowns at their time of arrival. However, Water Street will be closed while runners are setting out on the 3K race at 9:00 am, which means that Water Street will be inaccessible until the final runners clear the street at about 9:15 am. Parishioners may be best advised to avoid parking on Water Street altogether. Duke Street will be open up to Water, so parishioners with restricted mobility can still be dropped off at the Duke Street entrance. One lane of Weber Street will be closed during the races, so although traffic will move more slowly the parking lot at the Laurier School of Social Work will still be accessible.

The same goes for the 10:00 am race as for the one at 9:00 am. Water Street will be closed by 10:00 am, so best to

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avoid it; Duke will still be accessible. Parishioners who arrive by car should plan to arrive a little early for the 10:00 am service if they hope to park within a block of the church. Choir members and other musical people who arrive shortly after 9:00 am to prepare for the second service are advised that Water Street will be closed; they should be prepared to park a little further away from the church than they sometimes might. The parking area that is bounded by King, College, Charles, and Francis Streets should have sufficient space to accommodate those who drive. The second race finishes by 11:30 am, so departing from the church should present no problems.

Despite the challenges for St. John's parishioners who drive to services and require parking, and especially for those with reduced mobility, we must not lose

sight of the Mudpuppy event as one that engages the public in a fun way to do good in the community. And however inconvenienced some of us are, the inconvenience is for one day a year only. In a spirit of goodwill I plan to register a team to represent our church in the 9:00 am 3K race. The team name is still unclear, but it will probably be something along the line of "St. John's Flying Eagles." Those who wish to join the team may do so via the following Web site: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/LoginRegister.aspx?eventid=136544&langpref=en-CA&Referrer=http%3a%2f%2fwww.mudpuppychase.com%2f>.

We who participate in the 3K race will then be in a position to present our healthy, glowing selves for the 10:00 am service.

Finally, the gift card program de-

serves a mention. It's still early days for the program, but so far it's proving to be a success and offers the potential to be a source of significant revenue. More businesses, or clusters of businesses, will be coming on stream in the weeks to come, so there will be even greater choice for those who participate. And the greater the numbers of participants, the greater the revenue. Be sure to check out the Fundscript sheets in the narthex or the sales table at coffee hour. A big thanks to Dawn and all those who have helped to establish and administer this valuable program.

With Lent almost at an end and Holy Week fast approaching, we the wardens at St. John the Evangelist, Al, Charles, and Dawn, wish you a Happy Easter and the blessings of the season until our next letter.

Charles Stuart

## The Trouble With Dying

I wanted to let you know about the airing of a documentary in which I took part last year. It is called "**The Trouble With Dying**", is narrated by Christopher Plummer (no less!), and was shown on **Vision TV at 10:00 p.m. EST, on last Monday, April 7, 2014.** (I believe that is Channel 27 in the KW area.)

I was invited to take part in the production, partly because of my interest in the past couple of years in the **Dying With Dignity** organization, which promotes the concept of "end of life" choices, beginning with the idea of an Advance Care Planning directive to let your loved ones know of your wishes, and also because I am personally dealing

with the increasing complications of multiple sclerosis. I realize that this is definitely not a topic for everyone's comfort zone. The majority of you are thankfully not dealing with a progressive disease for which, at this point, there is no known cause, and no known cure!

So, whether or not you have an interest in the topic, I thought I would share this information with you. The documentary certainly deals with both sides of the issue of assisted dying, and, if nothing else, will hopefully provoke ongoing discussion of "choice".

I also want to assure a number of you who are receiving this who also

support me in my fund-raising efforts for both the MS Society of Canada and our local MS Chapter, that I have no plans to depart this life any time soon! I am very committed to the goals of the MS WALK, and intend to try to be the top individual fundraiser in Kitchener/Waterloo again this year.

Linda Jarrett

*Editor's note: Linda sent this in several weeks ago, but the programme was shown before this issue was ready to be printed. Even so, we thought this would be of interest to many and perhaps the programme can be available at another time.*

## Linda's MS "Scoot"



Beatrix and I are here to say – “it’s that time of year again”! (I know, I know! Imagine exploiting my adorable younger grand-daughter to solicit funds for the MS WALK! But she’s so darn cute, isn’t she?)

Most of you receiving this letter know my story, and have supported me in the past. I certainly hope you will continue to do so. For some of you newer to this, well read on and I hope you will join me in my efforts.

2014 marks the sixteenth year since I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a disease with no known cause, and, as

yet, no known cure. The funds I raise each year go both to research at the national level, and to our local MS Chapter to support programs and to fund needed equipment in the KW community. Although, realistically, my own MS progression will likely not ever be affected by my fundraising, I am doing what I can, so that those diagnosed in the future will hopefully have a more positive outcome.

The 5K WALK, which I “scoot”, takes place on Sunday, May 4, 2014. If you are able to support me in this venture, you may do so in one of the following two ways:

### WAY ONE! (on-line)

- 1) Go to [www.mswalks.ca](http://www.mswalks.ca)
- 2) Click on Donate.
- 3) Enter Linda Jarrett .....**and then go to the far right to click on the magnifying glass.**
- 4) With any luck, scroll down slightly, and there will be my information. Follow the instructions to donate on my behalf.
- 5) You will be supplied with an on-line Income Tax Receipt for your support of my cause!

### WAY TWO! (snail-mail)

- 1) Write a cheque payable to “MS Society of Canada”, and put “Linda Jarrett – KW MS Walk” on the Memo line
- 2) Mail it to me at 168 Claremont Avenue, Kitchener, ON N2M 2P8
- 3) Please ensure its arrival before May 2, 2014, and that there is a legible name and address on/ with the cheque!
- 4) I will submit all donations sent to me this way, and you will be mailed an Income Tax Receipt later this year.

If you are curious as to how my on-line fundraising is going, follow the steps above for WAY ONE, but when you get to #4, click on my name (in red), and it will take you to my Personal Page. Unfortunately, “snail-mail” donations are not shown there. You will all have to patiently wait for my “Thank You” letter after the Walk to know my **grand** total! I am ever so grateful for your financial and emotional support.

Linda

## A Message from the Most Rev'd Colin Johnson

A message to the church offered by The Most Reverend Colin Johnson, Archbishop of the Province of Ontario delivered during his charge to the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto in November 2013.

### For the sake of the world

Every parish missional: turned inside out because you're sent out, moving

from lectern and altar and kneeling desk, out into everyday life, into the world, for the sake of the world, for the sake of Christ.

But you can't be shaped for mission without knowing whose mission you're working for. Being missional is not the flavour of the day, it's not a program, it's not a quick fix, it's not about getting more people into our pews. It's an atti-

tude. It's a way of being. It's a response in faith to the God who is revealed in Jesus Christ who is alive and present with us today through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Mission is rooted in the very nature of God- the God who reaches out and creates; the God who enters in to relationships of love with God's creatures; in the God who reveals the divine life and pur-

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poses to us in Jesus' birth, way of life, his friendships and actions and teaching, his sacrificial death and resurrection, his ascension and the sending of the Spirit. God in Christ draws us as church and the whole creation to Himself in compassion, reconciliation and redemption. Mission is an orientation of our lives, to turn and face outward into the world, to find where God is already active and to join in.

For each of us, our mission as a church is to embrace and participate in God's mission for the sake of the world. Each of us, as baptized members of Christ, shares in that mission, and it is a multi-faceted mission. Look at the Marks of Mission and you will see how multi-faceted mission is. But the key to all Christian mission is to know who Jesus is and to be able to make your faith explicit to others as well as to yourself, because we have not just a personal saviour but we need to be open to share.

## Passionate Spirituality

The Natural Church Development process reveals that almost every parish surveyed – almost two-thirds of the diocese – has a deficit not in money, not in people, not in programs, but in passionate spirituality, specifically Christology – how we understand who Jesus Christ is. We have difficulty answering the question, "Who do you say that I am?" and even more difficulty telling other people how we answer that. We're reluctant to speak about our faith and hesitant to mention Jesus. Why? Because we don't know Jesus? No, I don't believe that for a moment. We – all of us here – are here because we've had a faith experience. We know something of the rise and glorified Jesus. We know something of the

suffering Christ and the compassionate Christ – not just as old stories but as personal stories about Jesus and the Spirit in our lives, about the experience of God's faithfulness in difficult times, of unexpected joys, of transformation and growth, of healing and reconciliation, of hope even in the presence of suffering, of willing self-sacrifice and of the gracious receiving of love and compassion.

But if you and I are not speaking about the Jesus that you know, where will people hear about him, and from whom? And is that the message that you want them to hear about Jesus? Is that the message that's true to the Jesus that you know as a faithful Anglican, and Anglican who has been formed by an encounter with Christ speaking through the scriptures as we wrestle with them and try to intelligently understand them, as we are shaped by the encounter with the life-giving Christ in the sacraments and in our worship, as we engage in loving service where Christ is encountered in the face of the neighbour? So we need to learn how to talk about our faith, to articulate the hope that lies within us. That's the starting point of all missional activity.

Don't be afraid. God has given us all the gifts we need. We have extraordinarily gifted clergy. We have extraordinarily gifted lay people. We have extraordinary resources. We have well trained teachers of the faith, both clergy and lay. We can engage in re-framing and re-imaging our church, both in what we've traditionally been very good at and also in trying out some new things. You have permission to try out new things. Drive the car. For God's sake, drive the car for God's sake.